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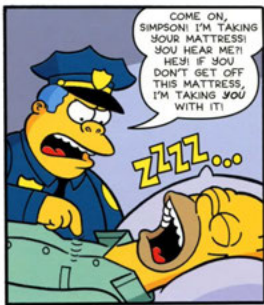
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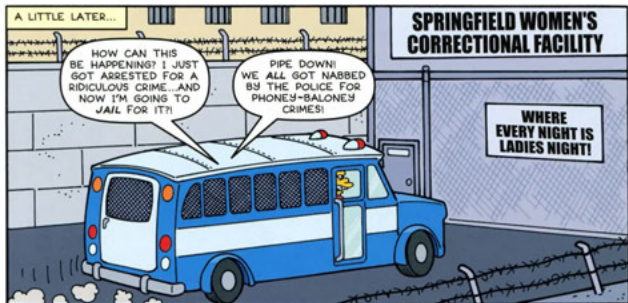
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ANOTHER FLASH IN THE PAN!



BART SIMPSON #97

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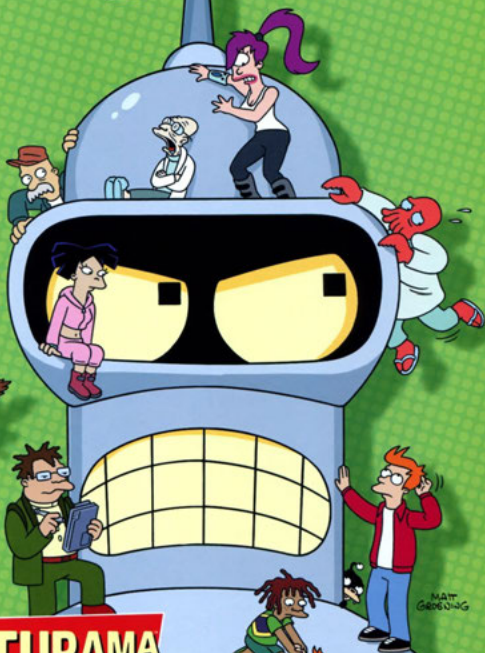








BIGGER! BADDER! BENDER!



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comics #75
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THE BONGO BEAT

by Nathan Kane

SUMMER LOVIN'

So now that summer's almost arrived, what have you got planned? We just finished our spring cleaning here at the Bongo office, and we're rarin' to jump headfirst into summer vacation! Wait...I was just told that we will in fact be working all summer long and won't be getting a break. Man, sometimes it stinks to be an adult.

On the plus side, that means we'll still be cranking out the Simpsons and Futurama comics for all your reading and vacationing needs. Not only do Bongo comics provide a great read while at the beach, they're also handy sunshades, mosquito dispatchers, and

picnic placemats. They are not, however, suitable flotation devices, so plan accordingly and always make water safety a priority. Whether you're taking Bart on your bike, Marge in your minivan, or Mr. Teeny to your timeshare, Bongo will always brighten up those long summer afternoons.

In fact, if you take a picture with your Bongo books on vacation and submit it, we just may run it in our Junk Mail section. Take Homer to Hawaii! Take Krusty to Carlsbad Caverns! Take Maggie to Myrtle Beach! Heck, you can even skip the alliteration altogether, and we'll still probably run your photo. We're not picky.

So have a great summer! If you're not going on vacation, at least run through a sprinkler in your underpants. I guarantee antics like that will get the neighbors talking. Just make sure you're not actually reading a comic while you do it. That would be insane!

While you're having a wonderful vacation, all I ask is that you think of the Bongo staff toiling away in our cramped cubicles desperately trying not to think about all the fun we're missing out on. Our air conditioning may be broken, and our sodas bereft of ice, but the love of our fans will keep us as cool as a cucumber.

**HERE'S YOUR
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BONUS STAMP!
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THEM ALL!
(THEY'RE ARTSY!)**



NEXT ISSUE! SIMPSONS COMICS #222

After being embarrassed and rejected by Bart, Homer takes an impressionable Ralph Wiggum under his wing. But it doesn't take long before Bart gets jealous and wants back in on the father/son/extra son relationship. Meanwhile, Lisa has problems of her own when she is responsible for the disappearance of the class hamster, only to discover a Lost World of long gone schoolroom pets in the deep recesses of Springfield Elementary...a New Hamsterdam, if you will.



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Dear Bongo comics,

My name is Marko and I love Simpsons Comics. I have 5 comics. My favourite comic is Simpsons Comics #218. Plus my favourite episode is "Simpsonorama" or "Brick Like Me." I hope you like the picture!

Marko Andjelic



Art by Marko Andjelic

We're sensing a trend about your favourite "Simpsons" episodes and comics, Marko.

Can't get enough Bongo Comics? We've got you covered. Like us on Facebook to share your thoughts, post a review, and chat with the Bongo Bigwigs! Fun stuff added all the time, so come see what everyone's talking about!

You are a big fan of the mash-up! It's either Simpsons meet "Futurama" or Simpsons meet Legos or Simpsons meet Guardians of the Galaxy/Ender's Game/and Gravity. That's one fine standee you made of Homer Simpson, pal!

Hey Bongo!

I love Simpsons Comics. In fact, I have seen all the comics I can! It is a big thing for me! Everyone in my class is singing the Spider-Pig song! Keep up the good stuff!

Love,
Georgia Little
Eltham, Australia

Well, that Spider-Pig song is pretty catchy. Once you start thinking about it, you can't get it out of your head...oh great, now I'll be singing it for the rest of the day! Thanks for being such a big fan, Georgia!

Hey guys and gals!

I've been a long time reader of Bongo Comics since the first issue many years ago. The comic is surprisingly pretty darn intelligent and funnier then many of the recent Simpsons episodes. I don't have any drawings to submit but it sure seems like you have enough of those in your letter column so I'll let it be. I wish more adult

Simpsons fans knew of your comic book. I have caught some Bongo Comic references on the TV show, so maybe one day everyone who watches it on TV will pick it up at a comic store as well. Thanks for continuing to make Simpsons and Bongo Comics relevant and funny!

Matt Taff

Matt, we like to think of ourselves as the best kept secret in the publishing world. Bongo Comics offers more than twenty years of untapped, original Simpsons stories, and we owe it all to the man upstairs. That's right! Matt Groening's office is just up the stairs from our studio, and we always try to make sure that our comic stories are as good, if not better, than the ones you see every day of every week on your TV screen. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Hi! I am writing in regards of Bart Simpson #89. It is my favorite comic book ever.

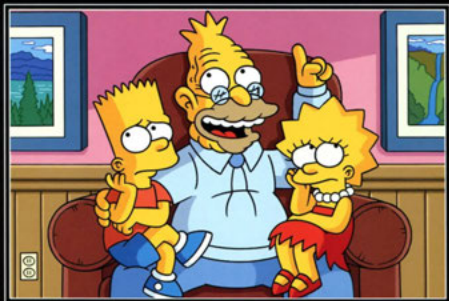
Wacy Justice

We couldn't agree with you more, Wacy. Bart Simpson #89 had it all: guinea pigs, weird science, mustaches, vampires, an angry mob with torches and pitch forks...! Just wait until you see what we have coming up next!



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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE GRAND POOH-BAH OF THE GREATEST GENERATION!

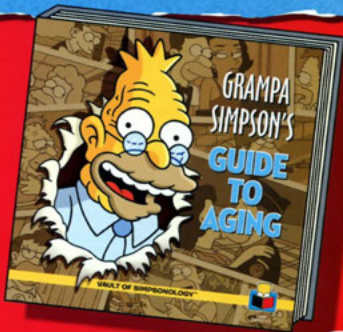


GRANDKIDS

Don't let them slip away from you. They haven't heard all your stories about how great things were back in your day.

Grampa Simpson
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and explains,
and explains
it all to you this
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